



UMN Crookston Campus Weekly

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Tuesday Motivation:

UMN Crookston Points of Pride

U.S. News and World Report has placed UMN Crookston among the top three Midwest regional public universities for 22 consecutive years. Happy Tuesday!



Good afternoon Golden Eagles,

Within strong strategic plans, there is a convergence of the highest strategic

priorities. One of our current initiatives is to build greater engagement on and off campus. While this initiative focuses on employee engagement, I see it also addressing students and connecting closely to our enrollment management and diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. As these converge, it is essential that we continue to build a more authentic sense of community and to teach our students how to create community in the future.

This is why I was so inspired to see a packed Kiehle Auditorium at last week's Spring Convocation. I was especially impressed to see our athletics program, coaches, and student-athletes step up and assume leadership for campus engagement. Events such as the Spring Convocation are essential because they help us to build a truer sense of community across the entire campus. Consider, for example, how it is relatively natural for student-athletes to show up for athletic events, for Ag and Natural Resources students to show for Ag-Arama or the Natural Resources Exploration, or for international students to show up for international student dinners. Events such as the Spring Convocation are a significant step forward. My guess is that musical selections performed at the Spring Convocation may not have been in the favorite style for many of our student athletes, and short of the members of our Equestrian teams, few of our student-athletes majored in Agriculture or took classes with Lyle Westrom. Still, our student-athletes engaged in a higher form of community by actively listening to the music because they knew it was important to their peers and by listening carefully to Dr. Westrom's keynote and considering new perspectives and his words of wisdom. Likewise, I saw many of our non-athletes listen to reports from our coaches, and I would assume that in several cases, this had less to do with a great love for the sport and more to do with valuing their student-athlete peers.

We all need more of this type of community as well as leaders who embrace, initiate, and create it. True community never minimizes real differences, or insists that others conform to our cultural or political views, or merely retreats into enclaves of like-minded peers. True and authentic community honors and celebrates differences and takes a sincere interest in others, not because we agree *but because we disagree*—because they see things that we cannot and learning from one another enriches us all. We engage with others because we value them as a part of our community and we recognize that we are a part of

their community.

Thank you to our student-athletes, our student leaders, and to every student who attended the Spring Convocation and made it a great a moment of true community on our campus. You are our future, and I am confident that you will build even stronger communities than your predecessors—the best is yet to come!

Updates on Campus Organizational Changes

I am pleased to share that Professor Tony Kern has agreed to serve as the unit head for AgNatR and MST, and Associate Professor Kevin Thompson has agreed to serve as the unit head for Business and LAE. For the 2019-2020 academic year, UMN Crookston will look similar with four departments, AgNatR and MST departments situated within one academic unit, and the Business and LAE departments situated within the other. We will keep this department structure for one year while forming a task group in each academic unit to study possible options for longer-term organization in the fall and present at least two options to faculty in the spring for their consideration. Long-term organizational decisions will be made early in Spring 2020.

Additionally, we are currently requesting nominations and self-nominations from faculty to serve one-year terms as “department chairs” for each of the four departments. These chairs will receive a course release or comparable stipend to help facilitate department meetings and several other departmental functions. Once nominations are received, we will request feedback from faculty regarding those nominees who would like to be considered for the role and then make selections later this month.

Beginning this coming fall, all first- and second-year on-campus students will be assigned a professional academic advisor in addition to their faculty advisor. Together, the faculty and staff advisors will serve as “success teams” for these students. Over the next couple of years, the professional advisors will assume greater responsibility for academic placements, study plans, and academic support (similar to what we currently do for our online students) while faculty will retain responsibility for mentoring, career guidance, majors,

internships, etc. While the distribution of duties within success teams will vary some by major, the goals are to coordinate advising with new first-year seminar courses, strengthen student support, and enhance interactions with faculty and staff.

To accomplish changes related to the first-year experience and advising, UMN Crookston is conducting searches for three newly designed positions. The positions emerged from our restructuring efforts and will not add to the overall university budget. One of the positions is a new Director of Student Success and Academic Advising that will supervise academic advisors and coordinate their work with the Academic Success Center and the Office of the Registrar. We will also hire two new academic advisors. The first is a full-time advising position that will serve on-campus students. The second position will be split between multicultural education coordinator duties and academic advising. This will be the first of several split duty student affairs positions that we will create over the next 2-5 years, each including multicultural education duties in addition to work within various functional areas such as residence life or career services. The goal is to distribute multicultural education work across UMN Crookston to help us create stronger authentic community while also supporting recruitment and retention efforts with increasingly diverse students.

Sincerely,

Vice Chancellor Hoffman

In Memory Of...

Carlyle Holen was employed by the University of Minnesota Extension Service and began his career in 1977 as the County Agent for Kittson County. In 1980 he took the position of Area Extension Agent in Integrated Pest Management and moved his family to Crookston. After 34 years in extension, Carlyle retired in 2011. More information can be found [here](#).

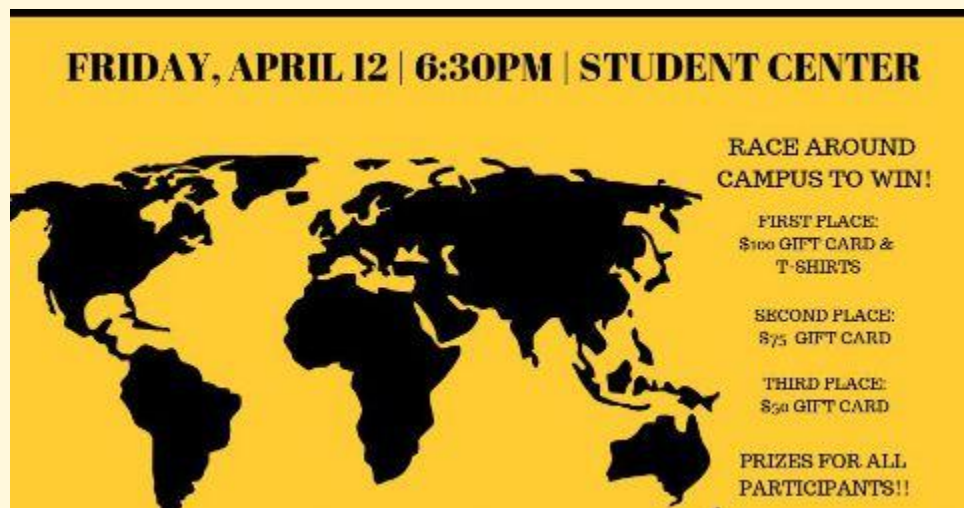
Looking Forward to this Week

Fourth Annual Amazing Race Event: Join Golden Eagle Entertainment for the fourth annual Amazing Race Event on Friday, April 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sargeant Student Center.

Race around campus, complete tasks, get clues, and be the first group back to win a prize.

Sign up in teams of 2 people at the Information Desk & the Wellness Center by Wednesday April 10.

For any questions email Peter Hendrickx, hendr999@crk.umn.edu



Ocean Film Series: Come enjoy the beautiful wonder that is our oceans, marvel in its inhabitants, and learn what you can do to keep them safe and clean by attending the Ocean Film Series - Blue Planet II. For more information on this week's movie, click [here](#).

Writing Night: On Thursday, April 11, from 6 - 9 p.m. in the ASC, students can bring their end-of-semester writing projects for an evening of productivity! Snacks and hot drinks will be provided to help keep the motivation. Writing consultants will also be on hand to answer any questions. For more information, click [here](#). The next writing night will be on Tuesday, April 23, from 6 - 9 p.m.

The Buzz Around Campus

Undergraduate Research: UMN Crookston students **Trevor Long**, **Kaitlin Sikkink**, and **Michaela Lano** will be traveling to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at Kennesaw State University, just outside of Atlanta, Georgia. They will be presenting their research on freshwater sponges as

they have all worked on the freshwater sponge project for the last year and a half.

Pi Day Celebration: Calling all student clubs, organizations, and athletic teams!! Join us in celebrating "Pi (3.14) Day" by entering the Pie Eating Contest! For more information, click [here](#).

e-Fest Schulze Entrepreneurship Challenge: Lee Groeschl will be the EDA consultant for being a judge at e-Fest Schulze Entrepreneurship Challenge. The e-fest is the the largest undergraduate national business pitch competition.

Online meeting tool Zoom to replace Webex: Zoom will replace Webex as the University of Minnesota's systemwide online meeting tool. Webex (and recordings stored on Webex) will become permanently unavailable on September 2. [Learn more about how you can prepare](#).

Moodle retires at end of summer: Moodle will no longer be available for active teaching as of the end of 2019 summer semester. [Help is available to transition Moodle courses to Canvas](#).

Accolades

Kelsey Torgerson, Josh Parrill, and Allison Haas presented at the Higher Learning Commission annual conference this week. "Tutoring Strategies for Online Students" highlighted successful outreach UMN Crookston has engaged in to support our online population, including use of technologies and effective tutor-training techniques.

UMN Crookston will be submitting the final AQIP Systems Portfolio by June 1. The Systems Portfolio is designed to show how UMN Crookston is meeting HLC's criteria for accreditation and works toward continuous improvement. As announced last year, HLC is transitioning away from the AQIP pathway. Upon successful review of this last Systems Portfolio, UMN Crookston will move to HLC's Open Pathway.

In the coming weeks...

Inaugural Faculty Research Fair: On Thursday, April 18, from 12 - 1 p.m. UMN Crookston will be hosting the Inaugural Faculty Research Fair.

Background:

Undergraduate Research Week (April 8-12) is celebrated Nationwide across hundreds of colleges and Universities. Undergraduate Research (UGR) is HIP. AACU calls it a **H**igh **I**mpact **P**ractice along with regular curricular improvements such as First Year Experiences (preaching to the choir!). Getting our students to realize and utilize the diverse opportunities that we provide them is more difficult.

Event:

The seed idea is that all research active faculty and staff set up booths/tables to share our collective (individual, interdisciplinary and collaborative) research and scholarship with the student community. Associate Professor Venugopal Mukku has set up a committee comprised of one faculty member from each department and a few staff members to brainstorm the logistics of the organization. They will meet on Tuesday, March 26. More information will follow.

Presenters:

- **Abufardeh, Sameer:** Understanding phishing victims profile
- **Bell, Megan:** Interpersonal Connections through Comments: A content analysis of blog comments
- **Castle, Eric:** Nature play design
- **Chapman, Katy:** Greenhouse gas emissions from soils. Radon emission from soils. Composting
- **Dudley, Timothy:** Computational chemistry. Theoretical Pourbaix diagrams of hydroxyl substituted polypyridyl ruthenium complexes
- **Foss, James:** Teacher candidates' knowledge beliefs related to teaching
- **Gust, Anita:** Impact of participation in *Biogirls* program on health related quality of life and self esteem
- **Johnson, Richard:** Teacher efficiency and preservice microteaching experiences
- **Killough, Alivin,** and Killough, Eryn: The Impacts of Your Race (i.e., White) on non-White Client Contact (e.g., patient, parent, student, co-worker): One Size Does Not Fit All
- **Lundbohm, Rachel:** To click or not to click. A study of leisure tourism consumers' social media click behavior on search engine result pages

- **McCoppin, Rachel:** Nature in world mythology
- **Mickelson, Hal, Nielsen, Jeff, and Chanda, Chanda:** Impact of late-season fungicide applications on cercospora leaf spot development in a subsequent growing season.
- **Mukku, Venu:** Native American plants and their chemistry
- **Saeedi, Ali:** Audit option prediction: A comparison of data mining techniques
- **Schroeder, Anthony:** Minnesota's freshwater sponges: Distribution, taxonomy and chemistry
- **Shostell, Joseph:** Interdisciplinary research on aquaponics
- **Walker, Eddie and Walker, Kristie:** Pre-game agronomic field safety assessment for sports fields: Future implications of risk assessment
- **Walker, Kristie and Chapman, Katy:** Water conservation practices on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions on creeping bentgrass putting greens

Focus on Feasibility Interactive Workshop:



Focus on Feasibility

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP



April 24, 2019
Bede Ballroom
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Let the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center's (AgMRC) seasoned staff, with experience conducting over 100 feasibility studies, present this new methodology to you. If you currently offer feasibility study services, you may want to consider a new approach. If not, you may want to offer this service to your customers.

APPROACH:

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Registration is \$40

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<http://z.umn.edu/feasibilityworkshop>



Economic



Market



Technical



Management



Financial

*Grab a colleague and join us for
our Focus on Feasibility Workshop*



The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

Health Management Webinar: Join us for our Health Management Webinar! Understand how you can advance your career in the management of various health care settings while learning from experts in the field. The event will take place on Friday, April 26, from 12 -1 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Susan Klassen: MBA, RN, LNHA, HSE.

This information session will help you understand:

- How our online programs work.
- Long-Term Care Supports and Services
- Nursing Home Administration
- NAB Accredited- HSE Status Eligible-ONLINE

For more information, check out UMN Crookston's Facebook event page [here](#).

Last Band Concert: Please join us for UMN Crookston's last band concert on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the Kiehle Auditorium. In addition to the UMN Crookston Community Band, the "Windblown" quintet, consisting of 5 community members of the UMN Crookston band including Professor Jim Schaar, will be performing. There will be a reception following the performance.

Ox Cart Days - Ice Cream Social: Faculty, staff, and students are needed to help out during the Ice Cream Social (30 minutes increments) during Ox Cart Days. If you're available, please sign up [here](#).

Community Events

Growth and Development Committee: This committee would like to present "Core Characteristics of Competent Leaders" as a part of the Leadership Series. This event will take place on May 9, 16, 23, and 30, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The cost is \$65 for Chamber members, \$80 for non-members. This fee includes lunch. Please register with the Crookston Chamber office at 218-281-4320 or theggie@visitcrookston.com.

Summer 2019

- Youth Day Horseback Riding Camp
 - June 12, 2019

- July 15, 2019
- August 5, 2019
 - Ages 8-17 years old
 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - UMN Crookston Stables
- Adult Riding Clinic
 - May 29, 2019
 - June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2019
 - 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 - UMN Crookston Stables
- Youth Intermediate Riding Clinic
 - May 30, 2019
 - June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2019
 - 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 - UMN Crookston Stables

Save the Dates

- Focus on Feasibility Interactive Workshop – April 24, 2019
- Athletic Banquet and President Kaler's last visit – April 25, 2019
- College Exploration Day – April 26, 2019
- Last Band Concert – April 29, 2019
- Paddock Party – MinnTucky Social May 4, 2019
- Northern Great Plains Youth Institute – May 6, 2019
- Farm to Table – August 9, 2019

Weekly Activities

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

[Blood Drive](#)

[Polk County Public Health Family Planning & STI Testing](#)

[The Doctor is in: Dr. Balaraman on Campus](#)

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

[Men's Baseball vs Augustana](#)

Faculty/Staff Appreciation; 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. International Lounge

Thursday, April 11, 2019

[Crookston Student Association Full Board Meeting](#)

[The Doctor is in: Dr. Balaraman on Campus](#)

[Pi Day Celebration - Pie Eating Contest](#)

[Ocean Film Series: Blue Planet II - Green Seas](#)

[Writing Night](#)

Res Life Trivia Night at Up North Pizza in East Grand Forks

Friday, April 12, 2019

[Fourth Annual Amazing Race](#)



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